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Fair Haven/Chapelwood merger making progress

The process of shaping the partnership between Fair Haven and Chapelwood is underway! The Chapelwood/Fair Haven merger transition team had its first meeting on Tuesday, April 4, in the Trinity Center at Fair Haven.

Members of the team from Chapelwood are: Beth Tilney, Tracy Little, Steve Eckerman, David Suszko, Mark Greek and Fred Gibson. Members from Fair Haven are: Debbie Eng, Lisa Johnson, Bob Wolfram, Joe Melton and Viviana Gallegos Rodriquez Salgado. Everyone introduced themselves and named one thing that they especially appreciate about their church. Interestingly, a theme emerged: people!

The group identified eight "Tiger Teams," or task teams, that will carry out the work of merging our two churches. These teams are: Communications, Legal, Finance, Infrastructure & Systems, Mission & Ministry, Facilities, Staff, and Day Schools. The group also brainstormed a few ways our two congregations can come to know one another, including a variety of shared work, play and worship activities.

Following Chapelwood's final vote on May 16 -- and assuming that the outcome is as positive as expected -- the goal is to have the merger completed by the end of the year.

The transition team's next meeting will be at Chapelwood on May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Please continue to pray for both churches and for the teams that will work to make the merger gentle, joyful and successful.